Clarifications to Quaries made by Tax Payers

1827. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Relation Officers of Central Board of Direct Taxes and Central Board of Excise and Customs are supposed to give the clarifications on any quary made by the tax payers;

(b) if so, whether there is any time limit within which the clarification must be given; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to introduce such a system so that the tax payer can be properly guided and realisation of total taxes can be improved further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) There is no Public Relation Officer in the Central Boards of Excise and Customs or Central Board of Direct Taxes.

However, Public Relation Officers are posted in most of the Income Tax offices and their primary responsibility is to provide assistance to assist the tax payers in filing their tax returns, payment of taxes and complying with other tax laws. The quaries made by the tax payers relating to these matters are generally answered by them on the spot. There are units/cells in the Central Excise & Customs collectorates also which give clarifications on any query made by the tax-payers mostly on the spot or after having the matter examined wherever necessary.

Functioning of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

1828. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have caused any authentic study to be made by the Reserve Bank of India or any other agency with regard to the various activities of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited;

(b) whether any comparative study has been made with regard to the various investment schemes of the Company offered to the public *vis-a-vis* similar schemes offered by other Government institutions;

(c) if so, whether Government are satisfied with the Company's performance;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are having a fresh look on the question of nationalisation/take over of this Company; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the RBI itself has in its inspection report of the Company for the year 1989-90 made some remarks about the functioning of the Company and if so, what are these remarks and what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार में घाटा

1829. **श्री राम जेठ मलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 24 सितम्बर, 1991 के "हिन्दू" में "दि ट्रेड डेफिसिट एंनिग्मा" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार घाटे के संबध में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित आंकड़ों में अंतर है ;